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18 November 1958

**MEMORANDUM FOR** : Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Development

**SUBJECT** : Studies and Proposal for 20" Photo  
Printing System, [redacted]  
[redacted]

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1. This Memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for approval of the Special Assistant to the Director for Planning and Development. Such recommendation is set forth in Paragraph 6.

2. During a recent meeting among representatives of the Project, Contractors, and HTAUTOMAT, regarding the procurement of processing and exploitation equipment for Project CORONA, it was agreed to authorize implementation of studies, tests, and engineering labor for certain of the required equipment. One of the areas implemented was the performance of studies and the submission of a firm proposal by Eastman Kodak for a 20" Photo Printing System. (Reference Memo for the Record dated 10 November 1958 - GOR-0206).

3. At the time it was agreed to authorize Eastman Kodak to proceed with above studies it was understood by representatives of the Project that HTAUTOMAT had previously contacted [redacted] and were expecting a proposal from this Company on the same system and that an evaluation of both proposals would be made and a source recommended.

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4. Subsequently, [redacted] of HTAUTOMAT called Lt. [redacted] and requested the Project to authorize [redacted] Inc. to expend [redacted] in the performance of additional studies and the preparation of firm proposal and operating specifications for the 20" Photo Printing System. It seemed that there had been a misunderstanding between people in HTAUTOMAT about what [redacted] was prepared to do.

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5. Nevertheless, it appears to be in the best interests of the Project to obtain proposals and specifications from two sources since the System is a new approach and somewhat complicated.

*NOTE: No Action To Be Taken since 20" system was dropped from TAB A requirement.*

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It is the opinion of HTAUTOMAT and the Project Procurement and Development Officer that the expenditure of the [ ] may result in much greater savings in the future for the reason that if [ ] proposes an acceptable system, they could produce it for far less than Eastman Kodak.

6. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that approval be granted for the Contracting Officer to contact [ ] and authorize them to proceed as outlined above. It is anticipated that if approval is granted a contract would be negotiated as soon as practicable.

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Contracting Officer, DPS

CONCURRENCES:

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- Orig - Contracts
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Approval requested in  
Paragraph 6, granted.

SIGNED

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